

Key messages
Triangle Lake
6-8-11

- We at the Pesticide Analytic and Response Center (PARC) have heard the concerns of the residents in the Hwy. 36/Triangle Lake area about the aerial application of pesticides in their community. The Oregon Department of Forestry, which regulates forest practices for Oregon, has asked PARC to assist with the response to these concerns in Lane County.
- We take their concerns very seriously.
- While meriting further investigation of the health issues raised in the Triangle Lake area we do not believe there is an urgent public health risk.
- As a member of PARC, the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority will be working to develop and implement a comprehensive response strategy to evaluate health issues. We are currently in the process of designing a plan for a year-long investigation to appropriately assess the risk of and from possible pesticide exposures during the course of the annual pesticide application cycle.
- Oregon Public Health Division experts will be reaching out to the community through community meetings and other means to hear concerns from people in the Triangle Lake area and to describe and explain the plan for the investigation, which will be underway in early summer 2011.
- The Department of Forestry, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon State University, as well as our federal partners at the US EPA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), will be working on this community issue.

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